

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of BIANCA RENAE CROWLEY,
THOMANIQUE LYNÆ CROWLEY, and
CRYSTAL ALISON WASHINGTON, Minors.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

LINDA CROWLEY,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

THOMAS LOUIS WASHINGTON,

Respondent.

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No. 275407

Oakland Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 05-706857-NA

Before: Smolenski, P.J. and Fitzgerald and Kelly, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Linda Crowley appeals as of right from the trial court's order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 351; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). The evidence clearly and convincing showed that respondent had not addressed her mental health issues, had not resolved her substance abuse problems, continued to test positive for illegal drugs, and showed no insight into her problems or the needs of her children.

Further, the trial court did not clearly err in its consideration of the children's best interests. *In re Trejo*, *supra* at 356-357. The younger children expressed fear of respondent after being exposed to her erratic and sometimes abusive behavior. The oldest child had been unable to regularly attend school while in respondent's custody because she was required to care for her younger siblings. The evidence did not clearly show that termination of respondent's parental rights was not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5).

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael R. Smolenski

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Kirsten Frank Kelly